



**Minutes for Meeting of
Thursday, December 11, 2003**

Item-1: Call to Order.

Chairwoman Dorothy Smith called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Item-2: Roll Call.

Present – Chairwoman Dorothy Smith, Commissioners Charles H. Dick, Jr., Dorothy Leonard, Karen Thomas-Stefano, and Gregory Vega.

Staff – Executive Director Stacey Fulhorst, Deputy City Attorney Dave James, Legal Assistant Steve Ross, Executive Secretary Janet MacFarlane.

Excused – April Riel

Chairwoman Smith reported that on December 1, 2003, the City Council confirmed the appointment of Mr. Larry Westfall to the Ethics Commission. She explained Mr. Westfall would be sworn-in at the Commission's meeting of January 22, 2004.

Item-3: Reporting Results of Closed Session

Chairwoman Smith reported the results of the Closed Session Meeting of November 24, 2003, as follows:

Motion: Appoint Stacey Fulhorst as Executive Director of Ethics Commission

Moved/Seconded:

Vote: Unanimous

Chairwoman Smith welcomed and congratulated Ms. Fulhorst on her new role with the Ethics Commission

Item-4: Approval of Commission Minutes.

APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 13, 2003.

Motion: Approve minutes
Motion/Second: Dick/Leonard
Vote: Unanimous
Excused: Riel

Item-5: Non-Agenda Public Comment.

Mr. A. P. Winter stated he wished to file a complaint based on violation of San Diego Municipal Code § 27.4007.

Item-6: Commissioner Comment.

None.

Item-7: Executive Director Comment.

Referring to her recent appointment, Ms. Fulhorst thanked the Commission for its confidence and support.

Ms. Fulhorst reported that she was working with the staff of the Clerk's office in the preparation and distribution of a fact sheet on fundraisers for City of San Diego candidates.

Ms. Fulhorst stated that interviews had been conducted for the position of Senior Investigator for the Ethics Commission. She explained the hiring process for the Audit Investigator position would begin once the Senior Investigator position had been filled.

Item-8: Deputy City Attorney Comment.

None.

Item-9: Status Report on ECCO Revisions Considered at Rules Committee Meeting of Wednesday, December 3, 2003.

Commissioner Leonard reported on the Rules Committee meeting of December 3, 2003, regarding the proposed revision to ECCO. She explained there was insufficient time for councilmembers to ask questions or express their concerns, and the item was continued to January 21, 2004.

Dave James circulated copies of the syllabus on the recent Supreme Court decision regarding campaign contributions, noting its relevance to recent First Amendment rights arguments.

Item-10: Status Report from the Ad Hoc Committee to Review Division 4 of the San Diego Municipal Code.

Commissioner Stefano provided a status report on the ad hoc committee's review of the provision of Division 4.

Item-11: Adjournment.

Chairwoman Dorothy Smith adjourned the meeting to Closed Session at 5:40 p.m.

Dorothy L. Smith, Chairwoman
Ethics Commission

Janet MacFarlane, Executive Secretary
Ethics Commission

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